

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 90

Proposition 90 stops eminent domain abuse!

Local governments can take homes, businesses and churches through unfair use of eminent domain. They can also take away your property value with the stroke of a pen.

We are three average Californians and it happened to us.

Local governments unfairly tried to take our property away from us and turn it over to developers to build condos, hotels and other commercial projects.

Why? Because these developers are politically connected and their projects will generate more tax revenue for local governments.

If government can take our property, it can take yours too.

- Manuel Romero had eminent domain used against his family restaurant so that a Mercedes-Benz dealership next door could use the space for a parking lot.
- Bob Blue had eminent domain used against his small luggage store – in his family for almost sixty years – so that a luxury hotel could be built.
- Pastor Roem Augustin had his church threatened with condemnation so that a developer could build condominiums.

It's wrong for senior citizens, small business owners or anyone who can't fight back to be forced to give up their property so wealthy developers can build giant retail stores, shopping malls and upscale housing developments.

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Government can also take property without compensating property owners.

When governments pass regulations that reduce the value of your property it's called regulatory taking. When this happens you should be compensated by the government for your lost value.

Government should not be able to take your home – outright or through regulations that reduce the value of your property – without it being for a legitimate PUBLIC use and without paying for what it takes.

That's simple fairness.

That's why California needs Proposition 90, the Protect Our Homes Act.

Proposition 90 will:

- restore homeowners' rights that were gutted last year by the Supreme Court's outrageous *Kelo* decision. That ruling allows eminent domain to be used to take homes and businesses and turn them over to private developers.
- return eminent domain to legitimate public uses, such as building roads, schools, firehouses and other needs that serve the public and not the financial interests of the government and powerful developers.
- restrict government's ability to take away people's use of their property without compensating them.

Those who benefit financially from the status quo are spending millions to mislead voters and claim the sky is falling.

Opponents are engaging in scare tactics in order to divert attention from their REAL MOTIVE - - maintaining the status quo so they can continue to profit from taking our private property.

For example, opponents falsely claim that the measure will hurt the enforcement of environmental regulations. But all existing California environmental laws and regulations are expressly protected.

The Protect Our Homes Act protects *all of us* – and helps families for future generations - while stopping government from taking your property simply to boost tax revenue.

Save our homes and businesses.

Please vote YES on Proposition 90.

For more information, visit www.protectourhomes2006.com.

Manuel Romero, eminent domain abuse victim

Bob Blue, eminent domain abuse victim

Pastor Roem Agustin, eminent domain abuse victim

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